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**Transportation Cabinet conducts public meeting on proposed
project to widen Mountain Parkway in Magoffin County**

JACKSON, KY – On Tuesday, Oct. 16, personnel from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Highways District 10 office conducted a public meeting on the proposed widening of the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway in Magoffin County.

Approximately 35 residents of the area, property owners, public officials and other concerned citizens attended the hearing to view a presentation by District 10 personnel and consultants, receive information on the project, and provide their input into this proposed highway project. The project will result in the widening of the Mountain Parkway from two to four lanes between milepoints 73.5 and 75.3. It will also result in construction of a new bridge across the Licking River and the reconstruction of the KY 7 interchange at Exit 75.

The proposed route would consist of four 12-foot travel lanes and a modernized interchange at KY 7 that meets current design standards. The existing highway has two 12-foot travel lanes, with a “folded diamond” interchange at KY 7 that does not meet current standards. The new four-lane route would have a design speed of 70 mph.

The project would improve regional mobility across all of eastern Kentucky and improve safety at Exit 75.

If pre-construction progress continues as anticipated, construction could be underway by mid-2015. Construction costs are currently estimated at \$21.8 million.

Those in attendance provided comments on the project, asked several questions, viewed design plans of the area showing the general scope of the project, and learned what properties may potentially be impacted by the construction. They were also provided comment forms on which they could express their opinions on the project.

The project manager will receive written comments on the project through Oct. 31. Photographs and plans displayed at the public meeting may be viewed at the Department of Highways District 10 office, 473 Highway 15 South, Jackson, during the comment period. Comments on the project may be addressed to: Jason Blackburn, P.E., Kentucky Department of Highways, P.O. Box 621, Jackson, KY 41339.

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